

### **REMARKS**

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated November 3, 2003 in which the Examiner allows claims 8, 13 and 14, but holds the rejections to claims 1, 2 and 4-7 as being anticipated by Ella (U.S. Patent No. 5,910,756) under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and further rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-7 under 35USC 112 as having introduced new matter by amendments.

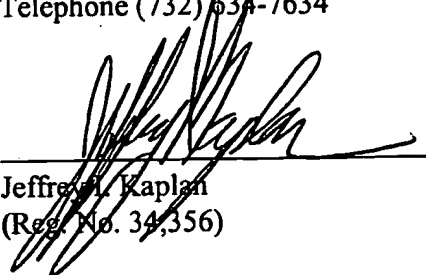
Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1, 2 and 4-7 without prejudice, and only keep allowed claims 8, 13 and 14.

Thus, Applicants believe that the present application is in a good form to be allowed, and therefore an allowance of the application is here respectfully requested. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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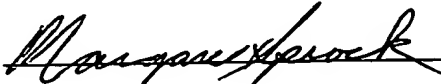
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